
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 200

AN ACT CONCERNING THE BUTLER SCHOOL AND THE SAWYER SCHOOL.

SUMMARY:

This bill allows the Office of Higher Education (OHE) to issue certificates of completion to students whom the office determines have successfully completed their course of study at the (1) Butler Business School in Bridgeport or (2) Sawyer School in Hamden and Hartford.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND

Private Occupational School Closures

OHE oversees private occupational schools, which are privately-controlled schools that offer instruction in trades or industrial, commercial, professional, or service occupations for remuneration. By law, a private occupational school must provide at least 60 days' notice to the OHE executive director before closing. The school must also, among other things, provide evidence that all current students' coursework is or will be completed.

Butler and Sawyer are private occupational schools that closed in December 2012. Neither school provided the required 60 days' notice to OHE, nor did they provide evidence that all current students' coursework is or will be completed.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 19 Nay 0 (02/14/2013)